

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re U.S. Patent Application of )  
HAYASHI et al. )  
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**REQUEST FOR PRIORITY  
UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 119  
AND THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**

Sir:

In the matter of the above-captioned application for a United States patent, notice is hereby given that the Applicant claims the priority date of the PCT application PCT/JP2004/016288, filed October 27, 2004, which claims the priority date of Japanese Patent Application 2003-369212 filed October 29, 2003, all of which is incorporated by reference.

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